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W231452 PEKING, NCNA, IN ENGLISH MORSE TO SOUTHEAST ASIA,  
EUROPE, AND NORTH AMERICA, MAR. 23, 1955, 1419 GMT--W  
("U.S. RULING CLIQUE PERSECUTES JOHN W. POWELL")  
(TEXT)

PEKING, MAR. 23--THE U.S. RULING CLIQUE IS STEPPING UP ITS  
WITCHHUNT AGAINST JOHN W. POWELL, ( FORMER EDITOR OF THE "CHINA  
WEEKLY REVIEW" IN SHANGHAI, ACCORDING TO WASHINGTON PRESS REPORTS.

IN A REPORT, MADE PUBLIC ON MAR. 20 TWENTY, ON ITS "INVESTIGATIONS,"  
THE U.S. SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE ACCUSED POWER OF  
"UNSPEAKABLE BETRAYAL OF AMERICA'S CAUSE IN THE FAR EAST."  
THIS REFERRED TO THE FACT THAT POWELL TOLD THE TRUTH ABOUT  
THE KOREAN WAR, MADE EFFORTS TO PUT AMERICAN POWS IN KOREA IN TOUCH  
WITH THEIR FAMILIES, INFORMED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE UPON HIS  
RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES ABOUT REAL CONDITIONS IN NEW CHINA,  
AND CRITICIZED THE U.S. FOREIGN POLICY.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT DECLARED THAT POWELL WOULD BE FURTHER  
SUBPOENAED.

REFUTING THE SLANDERS, POWELL SAID IN MAR. 20 TWENTY: "IT'S  
THE SAME OLD STUFF--REALLY ITS JUST NONSENSE." "THEY KEEP TALKING  
ABOUT WANTING TO TRY ME FOR TREASON. LET THEM TRY IT, IF THEY THINK  
THEY CAN PROVE IT," HE DECLARED.

POWELL WAS PERSECUTED AFTER THE U.S. AUTHORITIES HAD AILED  
TO BUY AND INTIMIDATE HIM TO SERVE AS AN ESPIONAGE AGENT. WHILE  
IN HONG KONG ON HIS WAY HOME IN 1953 NINETEEN FIFTY-THREE, POWELL WAS  
APPROACHED BY AN AGENT OF THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
WHO OFFERED TO PAY HIM FOR MILITARY INFORMATION ABOUT CHINA. IN THE  
UNITED STATES HE WAS "VISITED" ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS BY AGENTS OF  
THE NOTORIOUS FBI (FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION--NCNA).

THE U.S. SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE HAD EARLIER  
SUBPOENAED POWELL AND HIS WIFE SEPARATELY IN SEPTEMBER AND  
DECEMBER 1954 NINETEEN FIFTY-FOUR. (231419) (MELI)  
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